

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3476 - HB 3857

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: States the limit on the amount of methamphetamine precursor that can be sold to the same person in a 30-day period applies to all pharmacies that are owned by the same parent company. Under current law, the pharmacist, pharmacy technician, or pharmacy intern has the authority to maintain either a written or electronic register of any person who purchases a product containing an immediate methamphetamine precursor. The proposed bill deletes the flexibility for the pharmacy to maintain a written register and requires a pharmacy not having electronic recording ability to use the one provided by the Meth Task Force. Requires pharmacies owned by the same parent company to share an electronic record.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- A pharmacy that elects to maintain a written record must retain such record for at least a year. Deleting the flexibility for the pharmacy to maintain a written record and deleting the requirement that the pharmacy retain the written record for at least a year will not have a significant impact on the state.
- Violation is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only. If the violator is a licensed pharmacy or pharmacist, the violation must be reported to the Board of Pharmacy for review and appropriate action.
- The Board of Pharmacy in the Department of Health will incur a not significant increase in expenditures for disciplinary action taken against a pharmacy, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician should the licensee violate any provisions of this bill.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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